Revival of closed petrol pumps

1438. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM **AND** NATURAL-GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of fuel pumps installed by Essar Oil, Bharat Petroleum and Shell during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how many fuel pumps of above companies are currently in operation;

(c) whether the above companies have stopped operation or reduced the number of fuel pumps in different State/UTs; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take for these pumps to be operative, in public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM **AND** NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The total number of retail outlets (ROs) installed by Essar Oil Limited (EOL). Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Shell India Marketing Private Limited (SIMPL) during the last three year period, 2003-04 to 2005-06 and also April-September, 2006, are as under:—

Year	Name of Company		
	BPCL	EOL	SIMPL
2003-04	676	23	**1**
2004-05	896	410	8
2005-06	906	84	11
April-September 06	139	484	-

(b) to (d) All the ROs of BPCL and SIMPL are currently in operation. However, M/s. EOL has reported that 356 of their ROs are operating partially and 645 ROs are not taking product due to high price difference with the ROs operated by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). The decision of private sector to operate their ROs is their own commercial decision.